

Remarks

This communication responds to the Office Action mailed February 10, 2005 for the application captioned above.

In the Office Action, the Examiner contended that the claims are directed to more than one patently distinct species of the claimed invention. The Examiner required that Applicant elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The species, as contended by the Examiner, are presented as follows:

Species A comprising a dual retention system (claims 1, 2-13, 20-36, 45, and 46); and
Species B comprising at least three cover gathering means (claims 1, 14-19, 37-44, 45, and 47).

Applicant provisionally elects Species A (claims 1, 2-13, 20-36, 45, and 46), comprising the dual retention system, with traverse. Furthermore, Applicant submits that if a determination of an allowable generic claim is issued in the present application, claims that are written in dependant form or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowed generic claim should be considered. M.P.E.P. § 809.02(c).

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees required to
Deposit Account No. 061910.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dated: March 10, 2005

Matthew J.S. Graham
Reg. No. 54,647
Customer No. 022859
FREDRIKSON & BYRON, P.A.
200 South Sixth Street
Suite 4000
Minneapolis, MN 55402
(612) 492-7256

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this document is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

March 10, 2005
Date of Deposit

Jodie Becker
Jodie Becker

#3091602\1